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Sir:

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the Applicants request reconsideration as follows. A petition
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Reply.

A certified copy of Japanese priority Patent Application
No. 10-347235 accompanies this Reply in satisfaction of the
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